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SUBJECT; MBFR: DATA ON GDR AND POLISH FORCES

REFS: A. USNATO 5381, P. USNATO 5382, C. STATE 2195L0,
D. STATE 214077, E. STATE 211555, F. STATE 211209

FOR USDEL MBFR VIENNA

1. (U) THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS PROVIDED FOR YOUR USE
IN THE 13 NOVEMBER MEETING OF THE MBFR WORKING GROUP DIS-
CUSSION OF WARSAW PACT DATA.

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2. (S) PRIOR TO SEPT. 1973 BOTH THE US AND NATO ESTIMATED
THAT THERE WAS A TOTAL OF 90,000 GDR GROUND FORCE PERSONNEL.
IN SEPTEMBER THE US INCREASED ITS ESTIMATE OF THE GDR GROUND
FORCE PERSONNEL STRENGTH TO 100,000 AS A RESULT OF AN IN-

TENSIVE REANALYSIS OF WARSAW PACT GROUND FORCES IN THE NGA
UNDERTAKEN TO INSURE THAT THE DATA BASE FOR MBFR PLANNING
AND NEGOTIATION WOULD BE AS ACCURATE AS POSSIBLE.

3. (S) SINCE THE TOE/OB CONFERENCE DID NOT REPEAT NOT DIS-
CUSS MUCH LESS AGREE UPON ESTIMATES FOR PERSONNEL STRENGTH
OF NON-SOVIET WARSAW PACT GROUND FORCES WE MUST TURN TO MC
161/73 FOR ANY MUTUALLY AGREED UPON PERSONNEL FIGURES TO

USE AS BASELINES TO EXPLAIN OUR RECENT INCREASES IN GDR

AND POLISH GROUND FORCE STRENGTHS. A MUTUALLY AGREED MC
162/73 FIGURE FOR THE GDR (90,000) EXISTS BUT NONE EXISTS
FOR POLAND AS PREVIOUSLY EXPLAINED IN PARA 8, REF D.

4. (S) THE INCREASE IN THE GDR GROUND PERSONNEL STRENGTH
IS A RESULT OF THE FOLLOWING:

(A) AN INCREASE OF 2,000 REAR SERVICE AND MIS-
CELLANEOUS SMALL UNIT PERSONNEL WITHIN BOTH THE III AND V
MILITARY DISTRICTS FOR A TOTAL INCREASE OF 4,000.

(B) AN ADDITIONAL INCREASE OF 3,000 REAR SER-
VICES AT THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE LEVEL AS WELL AS 1,000
INCREASE IN MISCELLANEOUS SMALL UNIT PERSONNEL ALSO AT
THE MINISTRY OF DEFENSE LEVEL FOR A TOTAL OF 4,000 AT
THE MOD LEVEL.

(C) FYI. REAR SERVICES IS DEFINED AS SERVICE
TYPE UNITS AS OPPOSED TO COMBAT AND COMBAT SUPPORT TYPE
UNITS AND CONSISTS OF HOSPITALS, AMMUNITION, AND SUPPLY
DEPOTS, MAINTENANCE SHOPS, ETC. SMALL UNITS OF THE MD OR
MOD LEVEL INCLUDE BANDS, FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION, ETC.
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(D) AN INCREASE OF 860 WITH THE RECENT IDENTIFICA
TION OF FIVE UNITS: GROUND FORCE HEADQUARTERS PLUS 100; 2ND
MISSILE TRANSPORT BATTALION PLUS 210; THE 5TH PRTB (SCUD
MOBILE REPAIR UNIT) 250; AND TWO RADAR COMPANIES AT 150
EACH 300; FOR A TOTAL OF 860 PERSONNEL.

(E) AS A RESULT OF MAIN UNIT STRENGTH ADJUSTMENTS,
INCLUDING A SLIGHT INCREASE IN DIVISIONAL STRENGTH IN
BOTH TANK AND MOTORIZED RIFLE DIVISIONS, A TOTAL 150 MAN
INCREASE WAS MADE.

(F) THE RESULTING TOTAL OF 9,010 WHEN ADDED TO
THE PREVIOUS FIGURE OF 90,000 RESULTS IN AN OVERALL GROUND
PERSONNEL STRENGTH FIGURE OF 99,010 (ROUNDED TO 100,000)
FOR THE GDR.

5. (S) FOR SOME TIME NATO AND THE US HAVE HAD A 10,000 DIFFERENCE IN ITS HOLDINGS OF POLISH GROUND FORCE PERSONNEL. AS A RESULT WE DO NOT HAVE A JOINTLY AGREED UPON BASE FIGURE THAT WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO NATO FROM WHICH TO EXPLAIN OUR RECENT 10,000 MAN INCREASE. THEREFORE WE ARE INCLUDING THE COMPLETE BREAKOUT OF OUR POLISH GROUND FORCE PERSONNEL FOR USE AS YOU DEEM NECESSARY. THIS BREAKOUT IS RELEASABLE TO NATO.

POLISH GROUND FORCES

CURRENT WARTIME
TYPE MILITARY UNIT LOCATION MANNING MANNING

CC	MND STAFF	7200	7200
CC	PROV STAFFS	11500	11500
O	SCHOOLS, ETC.	29000	29000
O	ADC	19000	19000
		66700	66700

PPA

CC	PPA HQS	WARSAW	2300	2800
CS	5 SIG BDE	WARSAW	1400	1700
CS	9 ENGR REGT	PLOCK	550	1100
CS	15 SIG REGT	SIERADZ	650	800
CSS	10 MT REGT	WARSAW	1000	1200

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CS	RCN BN	DZIWNOW	340	400
CS	23 ARTY BN	BIELSKO-BIALA	400	550
CS	ASXG BN	DZIWNOW	380	500
CS	16 RDF BN	DZIWNOW	500	700
CS	8 ECM UNIT	GIZYOKO	220	280
CSS	1 RYBTERSVC	PRZEMYSŁ	5000	6300
CSS	ENGR RGT R-SVC	NISKO	550	110U
CSS	ENGR RGT R-SVC	ELK	550	1100
CSS	ENGR RGT R SVC	NOWY DWOR	550	1100
CS	SCUD BDE	BIEDRUSKO	800	1000
CSS	PRTB	BIEDRUSKO	800	1000
C	6 ABN DIV	KRAKOW	3300	3900
C	7 ASLD DIV	GDANSK	3700	4100
			22990	29630

POMD

CC	POMD HQS	BYDGOSZCZ	5U0	700
CS	6 ARTY BDE	GRUDZIADZ	1200	1500
CS	5 ENGR BDE	PODJUCHY	900	1500
CS	91 AT REGT	GNIEZNU	420	480
CS	3 PTNB REGT	WLOCLAWEK	280	550
CS	PTNB REGT	CHEMMO	550	700
CS	4 SIG REGT	BYDGOSZCZ	650	800
CSS	3 MT REGT	CHELMO	1000	1200
CSS	CNSTBN RSVC	PILA	250	30

CSS 22MTBN RSVC BYDGOSZCZ 200 250
 CS 64 CHEM BN GRUDZIADZ 700 700
 CSS MISC RSVC 4000 5500
 CS SCUD BDE CHOSZCZNO 850 1000
 CSS PRTB CHOSZCZNO 800 1000
 C 8 MECH DIV KOSZALIN 8800 10200
 C 12 MECH DIV SZCZECIN 8800 10200
 C 16 TANK DIV ELBLAG 6600 7800
 C 20 TANK DIV SZOZECINEK 6600 7800
 43100 52180

SLMD

CC SLMD HQS WROCLAW 500 700
 CS 31 ARTY BDE GLOGOW 1200 150
 CS 31 ARTY BDE GLOGOW 1200 1500
 CS 1 PTNB BDE BRZEG 420 550
 CS 156 AT REGT PLESZEW 420 850
 CS 4 PTNB REGT GORZOW WIELKUP 900 1500

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CS PTNB REGT GLOGOW 450 550
 CS 1U SIG REGT WROCLAW 650 800
 CSS 9 MTREGTRSVC OSTROW WIELKUP 1000 1300
 CS 26 MT BN WROCLAW 1000 1200
 CS 5 CHEM BN ZGORZELEC 39U 550

CSS 4 MNIT UNIT WROCLAW 210 270
 RSVC
 CSS RSVC 5000 6000
 CS 2 SCUD BDE BOLESLAWIEC 850 1000
 CSS PRTB GLOGOW 800 1000
 C 2 MECH DIV NYSA 7200 10200
 C 4 MECH DIV KROSNO-ORDZANS 8800 10200
 C 5 TANK DI GUDIN 6600 7800
 C 1U TANK DIV OPOLE 6600 7800
 C 11 TANK DIV ZAGAN 6600 7800
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WAMD

CS WAMD HQS WARSAW 500 700
 CS ARTY BDE WEGORZEWO 750 1500
 CS 101 AT REGT KWIDZYN 30U 900
 C 2 ENGR REGT KAZUN/NOWY DWOR 340 1100
 CS 7 PTNB REGT DEBLIN 280 550
 CS 9 SIG REGT ZEGRZE 400 8-00
 CSS 12 MT BN WARSAW 600 1200
 CS 2 CHEM BN BISKUPIEC 250 550
 CSS RSVC 4000 6000
 CS 32 SCUD BDE ORZYSZ 850 1000
 CSS PRTB ORZYSZ 800 1000
 C 1 MECH DIV LEGIONOWO 6000 10200
 C 3 MECH DIV LUBLIN 4000 10200
 C 9 MECH DIV RZESZOW 4000 10200
 C 15 MECH DIV OLSZTYN 6U00 10200

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COMMAND AND CONTROL 22,500
COMBAT 93,600
COMBAT SUPPORT 20,240
COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT 27,110
OTHER 48,000

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TOTAL 211,450

NOTE:

TYPE: CC COMMAND AND CONTROL
C COMBAT
CS COMMAND SUPPORT
CSS COMBAT SERVICE SUPPORT
O MISCELLANEOUS

6. (S) IN YOUR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE BRITISH REPRESENTATIVE (REF A, PARA 3) IT MIGHT PROVE USEFUL TO POINT OUT THAT THE PEACETIME PERSONNEL STRENGTHS OF THE POLISH GROUND FORCES WERE DISCUSSED BY THE CANUKUS DELEGATES TO THE 1973 POLISH GROUND ORDER OF BATTLE CONFERENCE HELD AT HQS BAOR RHEINDAHLEN, FRG FROM 22-24 OCTOBER, 1973. ONLY TWO AGENCIES WERE PREPARED TO PRESENT ESTIMATES OF THE PEACETIME PERSONNEL STRENGTH OF THE POLISH GROUND FORCES. DIA FOR THE US AND BAOR FOR THE UK. BAOR OVERALL STRENGTH ESTIMATE WAS 212,670 AS OPPOSED TO DIA'S ESTIMATE OF 211,450 (ROUNDED TO 210,000). IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE WE WOULD HOPE THAT THE UK DELEGATE WOULD POSE NO OBJECTION TO A STRENGTH FIGURE OF 210,000 FOR POLISH GROUND FORCES. RUSH

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